



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
March 19, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19th. President Anita Radcliffe presided, and Library Director Madison Morris kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Fred Toelle, Ed Scholl, Janey Worthington, Leanne Waugh, Sherry Taylor, Jenine Harris, and City Council Liaison David Franklin. Absent: Trustee Dana Cooley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

None

Minutes of the February 19, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Waugh moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Ms. Radcliffe stated she emailed out City Hall *Safe Streets and Roads for All* information before the meeting.

President's Report

None

Librarian's Report

Ms. Morris reported that there have been several companies out to look at the roof. She also highlighted that the most recent tween paint & sip program had 36 attendees!

Advanced Planning

None

Building and Grounds

Ms. Waugh stated that the roof RFP is in place. Once proposals are received the building and grounds committee will meet to review them. There will be discussion at the next board meeting to follow.

Finance

Mr. Scholl stated that the Library is currently under budget by about 14,000 dollars. Most of that amount is coming from the Capital Projects line item.

He reported in regard to tax revenue we are currently 48 thousand dollars ahead of last year and that we usually get a sizable payment in May.

There was discussion about moving more money from the checking account to the investment fund.

Ms. Morris stated that currently the Library's money has yet to be moved from the old accounts to the new accounts. She also stated that the debt payment is coming up in April.

It was stated that if 550,000 additional dollars were moved to the investment account that would leave the checking account at around 730,000 dollars.

Ms. Worthington moved, pending the new investment account set up, to move 550,000 dollars from our operating account to the investment account. Mr. Toelle seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Worthington moved to accept the financial report. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed and the motion passed.

Human Resources

None

Policy

Mr. Tolle stated that the policy committee is presenting a new Sunshine Law Policy. He said that while our previous Sunshine Law policy was fine, this one is more detailed and better spells out the process overall. He stated that Sunshine Law is based on state law and helps to protect tax payer dollars.

Mr. Toelle moved to adopt the new Sunshine Law Policy. Ms. Worthington seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed and the new policy was adopted.

Friends Report

Ms. Morris reported that at the last Friends meeting she had shared the Library's budget and walked the friends through the Library's budgeting process. She also stated that the Friends are still planning for their 50-year celebration.

City Hall

Mr. Franklin reported that there are 5 applications for the vacant Library Board position. He stated that there will be a council vote on this at the beginning of April. He also reported that budget season is currently happening at the City and mentioned that there are a few initiatives to review coming up in the election in April including 2 amendments from City Hall.

Old Business

None

New Business

Sunshine Law

See Policy above.

IMLS and Overdrive

There was discussion about the executive order in regard to IMLS funding and the impact it would have on the Library financially and the impact it would have on Libraries nation wide if that funding were to truly be cut. There was discussion about the Board making a statement about this and it was decided that a statement would be formed and sent via email to review and then posted on the Library Website.

Adjournment

Ms. Waugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Taylor seconded. All were in favor. None were opposed and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.